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March 25, 2004

Sally McPherson  
Registrar of Voters  
County of San Diego  
5201 Ruffin Road, Suite I  
San Diego, California 92123-1693

Re: Request for Approval of New Software

Dear Ms. McPherson:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 23, 2004, requesting our approval of new Diebold software in order to process provisional ballots. It is our understanding that as a result of a voicemail message left by Marvin Singleton, a consultant for Diebold, to our Elections Department Chief John Mott-Smith, there is no longer a need for consideration of your request. If our understanding is incorrect, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark L. Kyle'.

Mark L. Kyle  
Undersecretary

cc: John Mott-Smith